

The Board of Selectmen is composed of five members who are elected for three-year terms. As the Chief Elected and Executive Officers of the Town, the Selectmen are vested with all the municipal authority not specifically retained by the Town's legislative body, [Town Meeting](#). The Selectmen appoint a [Town Administrator](#), responsible for the daily management of the Town, whose powers are specified in Chapter 270 of the Acts of 1985, as amended.

The Selectmen issue the warrants for Town Meetings and make recommendations on the warrant articles; initiate legislative policy by inserting articles in Town Meeting Warrants and then implement the votes subsequently adopted. They adopt town administrative policies; review and set fiscal guidelines for the [annual operating budget](#) and the [six-year capital improvements program](#) and make recommendations to Town Meeting on the same.

The Selectmen appoint [department heads](#) and members of most official [boards and commissions](#); hold public hearings on important town issues and periodic conferences with agencies under their jurisdiction and with community groups; represent the Town before the [General Court](#) and in all regional and metropolitan affairs; and enforce [Town By-Laws](#) and regulations.

The Selectmen also serve as the [licensing board](#) responsible for issuing and renewing over 600 licenses in more than 20 categories, including common victualler, food vendor, liquor, lodging house, open-air parking lot, inflammables, special events and entertainment.

The Board of Selectmen meets every Tuesday, unless otherwise posted. The meetings are broadcast live by Brookline Access Television.

### **FY2011 Budget & Capital Improvement Program (CIP)**

On December 8, 2009, the FY11 budget process began with the presentation of the Financial Forecast and the Preliminary FY11 - FY16 CIP. On February 16, 2010, the Town Administrator's Financial Plan was published. Visit the "[FY2011 Budget Central](#)" for all of this

information, including the  
[final budget approved by Town Meeting](#)

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### **Aaa Bond Rating Reaffirmed**

We are pleased to announce that on February 17, 2010, Moody's reaffirmed the Town's Aaa bond rating. Brookline is one of just 12 communities in Massachusetts that has been assigned the Aaa rating by Moody's. You can access the report [here](#) .